

9 FAM Appendix C, UNITED KINGDOM

(TL:VISA-455; 08-13-2002)

RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	\$105.00 [A]	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	NATO	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
Q-2 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
Q-3 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

(A) Fees for E-2 and L-2 visas apply to all persons, including spouses and children holding passports issued by United Kingdom issuing authorities, and do not apply to those persons with passports issued by authorities of British colonies or dependent territories. Fee is charged on a per individual basis.

NOTE: A United Kingdom passport issued on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong is considered a Hong Kong travel document, and the reciprocity schedule for Hong Kong would apply

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-232; 01-29-2001)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

The publication "General Register Office Abstract of Arrangement Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the United Kingdom and Other Countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and in the Irish Republic" contains a great deal of pertinent information, and may prove of value as a reference to persons confronted with individual problems. It is published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London WC1.

ENGLAND AND WALES
(Including Scilly Isles and Isle of Wight)

Police Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Immigrant visa applicants who have resided in the United Kingdom for six months or more since the age of 16 are required to obtain a statement from the National Identification Service, Subject Access Office, Room 331, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, London SW1 OBG.

This statement will serve to advise the consular office whether or not any criminal conviction is held against the applicant. The National Identification Service does not accept applications from individual applicants; the request must be made through local police. By law, it can take up to 40 days to receive a response.

Persons resident outside the United Kingdom should write to the Data Processing Officer of the police authority where they last resided in the United Kingdom to obtain the appropriate application form. Residents of the United Kingdom should apply to their local police station where they may obtain the application form. When completing the application form, the applicable category is "Prosecution and/or Conviction History". The local police (or data protection officer) will submit the application to the National Identification Service and the response to the application will be sent directly to the applicant.

Applicants are legally entitled to gain access to the information about themselves under Section 21 of the British Data Protection Act, 1984.

Court Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Applicants may obtain court records (usually called "Memorandum of Conviction" in the United Kingdom), by writing to the Clerk of Court of the court (or courts) in which he or she was tried. This request must include as precise a date and place as possible.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Military discharge certificates are issued to enlisted personnel, non-commissioned personnel, and petty-officer personnel of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines.

Officer personnel are not issued discharge certificates, but are usually able to obtain a letter from the appropriate office listed below, confirming their release from the Armed Forces.

Details of service in the Armed Forces may be obtained as follows:

SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

SERVED IN ARMED FORCES

ARMY

MOD (M3) (A)
Empress State Building
Lillie Road
London SW6 1TR

Army Records Office
Bourne Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex

ROYAL AIR FORCE

(For Officers)

Ministry of Defence
Eastern Avenue
Gloucester GL4 7TN
Hayes, Middlesex

Royal Air Force
Records Office
231 Nestles Avenue
Hayes, Middlesex

(For Non-Commissioned Personnel)

P. Man (3E1)
R.A.F. Personnel Management
R.A.F. Insworth
Gloucester

Royal Air Force Records Office
231 Nestles Avenue Centre
Hayes
Middlesex

ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES

Naval Secretary
Room 116, Old Admiralty Building
Spring Gardens
London SW1

Navy Records
Bourne Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex

Birth, Adoption, Death, and Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Certificates of births, adoptions, deaths and marriages may be obtained from the General Register Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2HH, or from the local registrar's office in the district in which the birth, death or marriage was originally registered. Long-form birth certificates should be requested, as short-form birth certificates do not contain the parents' names.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Copies of "Decrees Nisi" (preliminary) and "Decrees Absolute" (final) of divorces in England and Wales may be obtained from the Principal Register, Divorce Registry, Room G45, Somerset House, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

If the record is not held in the Principal Divorce Registry, the applicant will be notified of the address of the appropriate county court from which to obtain the record.

SCOTLAND

Police Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Court Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Military Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Certificates of births, deaths, and marriages may be obtained from the Registrar General, New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, or from the Registrar's Office for the district in which the event occurred. Long-form birth certificates should be obtained, as short-form certificates do not contain parents' names.

Adoption Certificate

(TL:VISA-232; 01-29-2001)

Available. The Adopted Children's Register is maintained at the Registrar General's Office.

Divorce Decree

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. If a divorce has taken place after May 1, 1984, a decree from the divorce is available from the Registrar General, New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT. If the divorce took place before March 1984, a decree from the divorce is available from the Deputy Clerk of Sessions, 1 Parliament Square, Edinburgh EH1 1RQ. A marriage extract issued by the Deputy Clerk of Sessions subsequent to the granting of a divorce in Scotland (of a marriage, which has taken place in Scotland) will bear an endorsement relating to the divorce.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Police Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Court Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption, and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Certificates of births, adoptions, deaths and marriages may be obtained from the Registrar General's Office, Oxford House, 49-65 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4UY or if registered before January 1, 1922, from the Registrar General, Dublin, Eire. Marriage certificates may also be obtained from the local registration office for the district in which the marriage was originally registered. Long-form birth certificates should be obtained as short-form birth certificates do not contain the parents' names.

Divorce

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Copies of "Decrees Nisi" (preliminary) and "Decrees Absolute" (final) of divorces obtained in Northern Ireland may be obtained from the Chief Registrar, Queen's Bench Division Matrimonial, Principal Probate Registry, Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 3JF. While only a plain office copy of a "Decree Nisi" (preliminary) is supplied, a sealed and certified copy of a "Divorce Decree Absolute" (final) is obtainable.

JERSEY

Police Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Court Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption, and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Apply to: Superintendent Register, States Office, Royal Square, St. Helier, Jersey.

Divorce

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Apply to: The Judicial Greffe, 16 Hill Street, St. Helier, Jersey.

GUERNSEY, SARK AND ALDERNEY

Police Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Court Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption, and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Apply to: Registrar General's Office, Greffe, Guernsey.

ISLE OF MAN

Police Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Court Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. [See 9 FAM Appendix C, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England and Wales).]

Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption, and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-165; 05-02-1997)

Available. Apply to Registrar General, General Registry Building, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Passports - Information on Travel Documents

(TL"VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

British Visitor's Passport: A short-form travel document issued by HMG to citizens of the United Kingdom intending to travel only to countries which do not require nonimmigrant visas for U.K. citizens. For this reason the document is not validated by HMG for travel to the United States, nor does it contain pages for the issuance of visas. Nevertheless, the document meets the requirements of INA 101(a)(30), and may be presented by a U.K. citizen in connection with an application for a nonimmigrant visa at a consular office outside the United Kingdom. A nonimmigrant visa issued to the bearer of such a document should be placed on Form OF-232. [See 22 CFR 41.113(b)(2).]

Refugee Travel Documents: The new refugee travel documents issued by the United Kingdom are machine-readable. The travel documents include the Certificate of Identity which is brown in color, a travel document for refugees under the 1951 Convention which is dark blue in color; and a travel document for refugees under the 1954 Convention which is red in color. All documents contain a disclaimer stating their issuance is "without prejudice to and in no way affects the holder's nationality." All list either the country of nationality or of birth, or both. The nationality of the bearer is listed as "Unknown". The documents will also indicate whether the bearer has "indefinite leave to remain" or the "right of abode."

Nonimmigrant visas issued to bearers of these travel documents should reflect the visa reciprocity schedule of his and/or her nationality or origin, even if the bearer has "indefinite leave to remain" in the United Kingdom.

Old style refugee travel documents issued by the United Kingdom are still valid until they expire. These include a light brown travel document and a light blue certificate of identity. These documents also indicate whether the bearer has indefinite leave to remain or the right of abode in the United Kingdom.

Bearers of U.K. (British) Passports who are not U.K. Citizens

The following provides guidance on the various categories of British nationality and citizenship, and the respective reciprocal treatment to which each is entitled.

British citizens are identified in the passport by the words "BRITISH CITIZEN." This is stamped in the old-style black U.K. passport and is noted on the nationality line on the new machine-readable passports. Only British citizens are entitled to travel on the Visa Waiver Pilot Program.

British subjects and British nationals are identified in U.K. passports as “British National Overseas Citizens,” “British Overseas Citizens,” “British Subjects” and British Dependent Territories Citizens.” Bearers of these passports in these categories are not entitled to travel on the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. Also, bearers of passports in these categories may or may not have the right of abode or indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom. The document will indicate if the bearer has the right of abode or indefinite leave to remain.

British subjects (persons born in former British territory before 1949 who have no other nationality) and British nationals are entitled to British passports, but not necessarily to the right of abode in the United Kingdom. British subjects born in Ireland, however, do have the right of abode in the United Kingdom. Irish-born British subjects (bearers of British passports) and other British subjects and British nationals who have the right of abode (or indefinite leave to remain) in the United Kingdom, should be granted the same reciprocity as U.K. citizens. British subjects and British nationals who do not have the right of abode or indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom should be issued visas according to the reciprocity schedule of their country of birth, unless, like Hong Kong, there is a separate reciprocity schedule.

The following chart depicts the reciprocity for bearers of British passports:

British Citizens	U.K. reciprocity, VWPP
Irish-born British subjects (Have right of abode in the U.K.)	U.K. reciprocity
Other British subjects and nationals who have leave to remain on right of abode	U.K. reciprocity
Other British subjects and nationals who do not have leave to remain or right of abode in the U.K.	Reciprocity of country or nationality
Hong Kong-born British subjects and nationals (British passports)	Hong Kong reciprocity

VISA ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

Belfast (Northern Ireland) (CG) NIV Only

Address: PSC 801 Box 40
FPO AE 09498-4040

London (E) All Categories

Address: PSC 801 Box 6
FPO AE 09498-4006

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-1114; 11-30-1989)

London IV: All of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (including the Isle of Man, the Isle of Wight, the Isles of Scilly, and the Channel Islands).

NIV: Same as IV, except for Northern Ireland

Belfast: NIV: Northern Ireland (countries of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry, Tyrone and Fermanagh).